

The mission of the Indiana Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resources specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils, and wildlife, and promote volunteer service in local communities.

Participants will:

- Get **hands-on** instruction from **experts** in the field.
- Gain a fuller understanding of **Indiana's natural history**.
- Attend a minimum of **eight, 2-3 hour long courses**.
- Be connected with local resources to complete **30 hours of volunteer service**.
- **Receive their IMN accreditation** from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Indiana Master Naturalist 2015 At Eagle Creek



Phone: 317-327-7148

Earth Discovery Center
5901 Delong Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46254



Registration Form

Indiana Master Naturalist

Eagle Creek Park

August 20-October 22, 2015 6-9 pm

Cost: \$ 75

Includes 10 sessions, educational materials, gate entry fee, refreshments, and IMN accreditation.

Limited enrollment: Maximum 30 students

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return form with payment to:

Eagle Creek Park, Earth Discovery Center

Attn: Naturalist, IMN class 2015

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* Please make checks payable to Eagle Creek Park Foundation

Indiana Master Naturalist 2015 Class Schedule 6-9pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH GEOLOGY

Class begins with our IMN course orientation.

Jump right in with Geology of Indiana, the bedrock foundation for any naturalist. Learn to identify the most common rocks and fossils, then take a 700 million year journey through Indiana's geological history.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH BIRDS

With the chance of spotting over 300 bird species in a year, the birding fun never stops in Indiana. Learn basic techniques for field identification and be dazzled by the diversity of Indiana's feathered friends.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD WILDFLOWERS

Would a toothwort by any other name smell as sweet? Find out in this class on Indiana wildflowers. Medicine for pioneers, food for pollinators, and a source of beauty for all, wildflowers play an important role in Indiana's past and present.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH WETLANDS

Whether they are providing crucial habitat for endangered Indiana animals, purifying contaminated water, or providing a beautiful view, Indiana wetlands are a vital part of our landscape. Learn about their benefits and the many treasures they hold in this informative lecture.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH INDIANA INSECTS

Pollinating your garden, challenging farmers, and feeding our forests; learn the basics of Indiana insects and how they impact our everyday lives. Insect anatomy, diversity, and adaptations are a few of the topics covered in this class.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Get a look at some fascinating and secretive denizens of our fields, forests, and ponds. Learn to separate the fact from fiction regarding reptiles and amphibians during our class on Indiana herps.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST FISH AND AQUATIC MACROINVERTEBRATES

From Bowfin to Walleye, Damselfly to Scud; this session will cover the wild world of Indiana fish and aquatic macroinvertebrates. After this class, you will never look at a pond or stream the same again.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH EXTIRPATED ANIMALS

Home, home on the range... Meet some of the grazers, predators, and prey that used to call Indiana home. Learn the difference between extinct, extirpated, and endangered Indiana animals in this class on Indiana's past, present, and future.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH INDIANA TREES

What type of tree is that in your back yard, and what benefits does it bring to you and your neighbors? This two-part class will cover the basics of tree identification and shed light on the numerous benefits trees provide within a community.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND LAND MANAGEMENT

Learn how the natural areas around Indianapolis are created and maintained during this lecture. Examining the tools, techniques, and debates around urban land management will give you insight into the decision making process within our parks.

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